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BEGIN SUMMARY: IN APPLYING GUIDANCE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NPC SYSTEM ENGINEERING CAPABILITY AND A PHASEOUT OF NADGEMO AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, MISSION IS ISOLATED (WITH PARTIAL EXCEPTION OF NORWAY) IN POSITION THAT NADGEMO SHOULD NOT RETAIN MORE ENGINEERS IN 1974 THAN NECESSARY FOR COMPLETION OF NADGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (NIP) WITHOUT PROVISION FOR POSSIBLE LITIGATION OF NADGECO CLAIM. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON CONFIRMATION OF POSITION PARA . 5 BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. MISSION POSITION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF SYSTEM ENGINEERING BRANCH AT NPC IN GLONS FOR NADGE FOLLOW- ON WORK WAS TRANSMITTED REF A. REPORTS ON PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTAINED IN REF S. C, D, E, AND F, THE LATTER OF WHICH REPORTS THAT NADEEC HAD REQUESTED A POSITION PAPER FROM SHAPE BY 20 MAY AS TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR A CENTRALIZED NADGE SYSTEM ENGINEERING CAPABILITY AT THE NPC. TO DATE SHAPE HAS ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SYSTEM INTEGRITY BUT MAINTAINED THAT EXISTING ELEMENTS OF STC, NAMSA, AND SHAPE STAFF CAN PERFORM THE TASKS. THERE IS UNOFFICIAL INDICATION THAT SHAPE' S EVENTUAL REPORT TO NADEEC WILL SO STATE. MISSION BELIEVES, INT THE LIGHT OF SOME NATIONS' INABILITY TO MAINTAIN LESS SOPHISTICATED EARLY WARNING SYTEM WITH PRESENT SHAPE SUPPORT (MBD- M(71)167), THAT ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL WILL BE REQUIRED FOR NADGE (IN FACT, THE PROPOSED BRANCH OF 5 ENGINERS, HOWEVER EXPERIENCED, WOULD PROBABLY NOT SUFFICE). ON THE OTHER HAND, IF SHAPE ACCEPTS THE RESPONSIBILITY AND INSISTS ON ITS ABILITY WITH PRESENT STAFF TO FULFILL THE TASKS, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT U. S. SUPPORT SHAPE' S POSITION.

2. IN THE MEANTIME NADGEMO STAFF HAS BEEN PHASING OUT AND CERTAIN OF THE MEMBERS NOT SCHEDULED TO LEAVE UNTIL 31 DEC 73 HAVE STARTED TO LOOK FOR NEW JOBS. (CURRENTLY PLANNED PHASEOUT IS 9 A- GRADE ENGINEERS TO 31 JUNE 73 AND 6 (OF THE 9) A- GRADE ENGINEERS TO 31 DEC 1973, PLUS 5 NATIONAL EXPERTS (NATIONALLY PROVIDED) WITH A PHASED REDUCTION OF ONE IN AUGUST, TWO IN SEPTEMBER AND TWO IN DECEMBER 1973.) GEN. ACCART, DIRECTOR NADGEMO, HAS THEREFORE PROPOSED TO THE NPB THAT, PENDING SHAPE AND NADEEC DECISION ON ENGINEERING BRANCH AT GLONS, NPB AGREE TO EXTEND FIVE NADGEMO ENGINEERS' CONTRACTS AS MUCH AS 2 1/2 YEARS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR POSSIBLE NATO NEED FOR EXPERTISE IN CASE NADGECO SHOULD EVENTUALLY DECIDE TO GO TO COURT IN LIEU OF CURRENT EFFORTS AT EQUITY ADJUSTMENT
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REQUEST (EAR). MISSION HAS INSISTED SINCE FIRST DISCUSSION OF ACCART PROPOSAL ON 6 APRIL 73 THAT ENGINEERS COULD BE JUSTIFIED FOR RETENTION BY NADGEMO ONLY UNTIL OUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NADGE WERE COMPLETED, I. E. : ONLY MINIMAL REQUIREMENTS BEYOUND 31 DEC 73 UNTIL MID-1974 WHEN WARRANTEE PERIOD ENDS ON LAST SITES. THE PROBABILITY OF NADGECO GOING TO COURT WOULD NOT JUSTIFY PAYING SEVERAL

ENGINEERS FOR 2 1/2 YEARS WITHOUT ASSURANCE OF REQUIREMENT.
WE COULD JUSTIFY, HOWEVER, SINCE THE ENGINEERS REQUIRED FOR THE
SYSTEM ENGINEERING BRANCH AT GLONS ARE THE SAME AS THOSE WHO
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